



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

BRIGGS AND MORGAN P.A.
2200 IDS CENTER
80 SOUTH 8TH ST
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402

COPY MAILED

MAY 31 2007

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of	:	
SMITH, Fred et al.	:	
Application No. 10/600,738	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: June 20, 2003	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 081913-0118 BSIL-0116	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed May 11, 2007, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more; such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of the inventor's driver's license as evidence that Fred Hewitt Smith is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2135 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Terri Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions